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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Wireless Transmission
Using Multiple Description Coding

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 24, 2002, in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on October 27, 2000 with claims 1-22. In the final Office Action dated September 24, 2002, the Examiner rejected each of claims 1-7, 10-18, 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over an article by Fleming et al. entitled "Generalized Multiple Descriptive Vector Quantization," (hereinafter "Fleming") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,048,057 (hereinafter "Saleh") or Saleh in combination with one or more other references or allegedly well-known but unspecified prior art. The Examiner further indicated that dependent claims 8, 9, 19 and 20 contain allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In this response, Applicants traverse the §103(a) rejections. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.